

“Factors Vital to General Aviation”

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Economic Environment

	2005	2007
Excellent	1%	4%
Good	46%	48%
Not So Good	45%	45%
Poor	8%	4%



Political Environment

	2005	2007
Excellent	1%	1%
Good	29%	21%
Not So Good	58%	66%
Poor	12%	13%



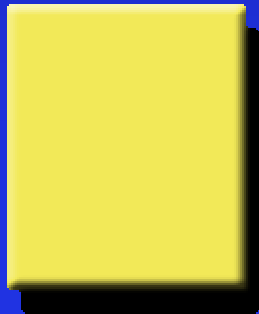
Top Issues Facing General Aviation

- 1. User Fees**
- 2. Closure of GA Airports / Access Restrictions**
- 3. GA Airspace Security Restrictions**



Huge Avgas tax hike

19.4
cents



70.1
cents



Class B User Fees

- Administrator can apply fees if...
 - Airspace is congested
 - Congestion due to hub airport
 - Fees will reduce congestion
- Fees can apply to *all aircraft* flying in Class B
- 334,000 (48%) pilots live in shadow of Class B airspace.



Airlines Win—GA Loses

Tax Decrease Tax Increase

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Piston Aircraft
3.44x

Turbine Aircraft
3.33x

"Legacy" Airlines
1.27x

"Low Cost" Airlines
1.15x



Closure of GA Airports

1. Lack of support and commitment by the local government.
2. Complaints and concerns from airport neighbors (e.g. noise, safety, pollution).



- Chicago Meigs
- Bader Field, New Jersey
- Congress releases Rialto, CA from grant compliance



GA Security Issues – Member Feedback

- 80% Pres. TFR
- 86% airspace TFR moderately limit ops
- 80% - airport security limit operations



Future of General Aviation

2005 2007

Optimistic 62% 57%

Pessimistic 38% 43%



Looking Toward The Future

- **FAA funding debate**
- **Definition of NextGen & requirements**
- **New Technology**
- **Value of land, pressure on airports**

